

CONGRATULATIONS!

**You have been accepted and awarded a partial scholarship to attend the 64th annual
HOLIDAY LAKE FORESTRY CAMP, June 14 -19, 2010**

Your selection was made in recognition of your accomplishments and interest in natural resource conservation. All students accepted to attend camp receive a partial scholarship (valued at over \$250) to help cover of the cost of food, facilities and activity materials. This makes your cost only \$75.

Hosted by the Virginia Department of Forestry and Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, our camp is made possible through the cooperation and contributions of forest industries, organizations, consulting foresters, state natural resource agencies, and individual sponsors. Our camp is different from most. Classes are taught outdoors by professional foresters and other natural resource management specialists. Our activities are cumulative over the week, and the camp is academically challenging. We require campers to focus on the program of study and attend the entire week. Campers who will be unable to attend the whole week should wait until another year to attend.

In this packet, you will find information to prepare you for camp. All information on colored paper is for your use. **To accept your space at camp, please return all the WHITE forms along with your \$75 check payable to Holiday Lake Forestry Camp, to the address below, no later than May 10.**

PLEASE: As a courtesy, if you have decided NOT to attend camp, will you let us know as soon as possible so that we can offer your scholarship to another camper? If you must cancel later, your \$75 fee is refundable through May 10. After May 10, the fee is nonrefundable except with a medical excuse.

Send forms and check payable to Holiday Lake Forestry Camp by MAY 10 to:

Virginia Department of Forestry
ATTN: Holiday Lake Forestry Camp
900 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 800
Charlottesville, VA 22903

If you have any questions, you can reach me by phone at 434-977-6555 or by email at ellen.powell@dof.virginia.gov. We look forward to working with you at Forestry Camp!

Sincerely,

Ellen Powell
Conservation Education Coordinator,
Virginia Dept. of Forestry



Holiday Lake Forestry Camp is open to all youth who meet the nomination criteria. Persons with disabilities who require any special accommodations or assistance to participate in camp should discuss their needs with Ellen Powell (434-977-6555) before May 10.

CAMP INFORMATION – PLEASE KEEP!

Location

Camp is held at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, located in the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest, nine miles east of Appomattox, Virginia. A map and directions are included in this mailing. We encourage you to use these directions rather than asking your computer to map us – people have been lost that way! It is the responsibility of the camper/family to furnish transportation to and from camp. If you request it, we may be able to help you arrange carpooling, by putting you in touch with others attending from your area.

Dates

June 14-19, 2010 (Monday-Saturday)

Arrival and Departure

Registration is Monday, June 14, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. At 11:00 a.m., campers will assemble for an important orientation, so please don't be late!

Check-out is Saturday, June 19, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. No meals are served after Saturday breakfast. An adult must sign out campers before they leave camp.

Parents' Program

An optional forestry program will be offered this year on Monday, for campers' parents and other interested adults. A registration form is included in this mailing. This program will include a sampling of camp learning activities and a field tour of forestry practices on the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest.

Preparation

Please discuss with your child the academic nature of this camp, as well as whether he or she is ready for a week-long overnight camping experience. If in doubt, it may be best to wait another year or two. We spend a lot of time outdoors at camp. Therefore, it is helpful to remind campers of the importance of wearing sunscreen, drinking plenty of water, and checking for ticks on a regular basis.

Communication

Telephone communications to Holiday Lake are handled on an emergency basis only. Emergency calls may be made to **(434) 248-5444**. Please do not call just to check on your camper. If you don't hear from us, he or she is doing fine! We have yet to find a cell phone service that works at the 4-H Center. There is a pay phone that allows calling card or collect calls, when it is working. (It's often out of order.) Mail will arrive daily and should be addressed to your camper, care of Forestry Camp, Holiday Lake 4-H Center, 1267 4-H Camp Road, Appomattox VA 24522.

Lodging

Campers and adult counselors are housed in rustic wooden cabins, with males and females in separate cabins. Males' bath/toilet facilities are in a separate building; females' facilities are within their cabin.

Please be aware that cabin assignments are made randomly, to introduce campers to new friends. Campers should **not** expect to be placed in the same cabin with a friend or sibling, unless there is a medical need. If this is the case, a parent should contact the camp coordinator as soon as possible. Please do not wait until arrival, as our cabin assignment lists are already made by that time.

Activities

Instruction - From 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. each day, campers attend natural resource classes. Books and equipment are provided. Morning classes include forest management, tree identification, tree improvement, timber harvesting, reforestation, wildlife management, environmental protection, and tree measurements. Campers also select afternoon exploratory classes for Monday and Tuesday.

Recreation - The camp has facilities available for horseshoe pitching, volleyball, softball, swimming, tennis, and fishing. We will have tournaments for softball and volleyball. There is a swim period and also some free time each day.

Other Activities - Evening programs will include presentations on wildlife and other topics, a talent show and a wildlife-calling contest. Please bring your own musical instrument, costume, wildlife calls, or other props if you'd like to participate in the talent show or calling contest. On Wednesday, campers will take a field trip to a paper mill. On Thursday afternoon, campers will experience an arboriculture demonstration. A Lumberjack Field Day is held Friday afternoon, featuring group competition in crosscut sawing, bow-sawing, log-rolling and other traditional forestry contests.

What to Bring

Note that classes take place in the woods every day. This is NOT the place for fashion!

- ▶ Field clothes (close-toed shoes or boots; work clothes such as jeans, field pants, T-shirts; "wetable" footwear such as water shoes or sandals)
- ▶ Other clothes (shorts, T-shirts, and other casual clothes; swimsuit; underwear; socks; light jacket and/or rain gear). Please do not bring skimpy clothing or T-shirts with offensive language.
- ▶ Pillow, sheets for single bed, sleeping bag, and/or blanket. Plan for seasonal temperature extremes.
- ▶ Towels (including a beach towel for the pool)
- ▶ Toiletry articles: soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving items, toothbrush, flip-flops for showers, etc.
- ▶ Any medications you require. These can be turned in to the camp EMT when you arrive if they need to be dispensed by an adult.
- ▶ Sunscreen, hat, insect repellent (you'll spend a lot of time outdoors)
- ▶ Flashlight
- ▶ Pocket calculator
- ▶ Water bottle (labeled with your name)
- ▶ Money for camp store – change and small bills preferred, \$15 should be plenty

Optional Items:

Extra clothes or shoes
Softball glove, tennis gear, fishing gear
Camera
Backpack
Props/costumes for talent show or wildlife calling contest
Small electric fan

Please leave all unnecessary valuables (cell phones, video games, jewelry) at home. Holiday Lake 4-H Center and Virginia Dept. of Forestry are **NOT** responsible for lost or stolen items.

GUNS, ARCHERY EQUIPMENT, KNIVES, TOBACCO AND FIRECRACKERS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED!

If you have any questions concerning Forestry Camp, please contact Ellen Powell:

Phone: 434-977-6555

Email: ellen.powell@dof.virginia.gov

Directions to Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center

From Lynchburg/Roanoke: take 460 East to Appomattox, turn left onto Rt. 24 East toward Appomattox Courthouse, drive 7 miles, turn right onto Rt. 626, drive 5 miles to Rt. 723. The Center is at the end of Rt. 723.

From Richmond: Take Rt. 60 West past Buckingham Courthouse, turn left onto Rt. 24, drive 10 miles, turn left onto Rt. 626, drive 5 miles to Rt. 723. The Center is at the end of Rt. 723.

From Charlottesville: Take Rt. 20 South turn right onto Rt. 15 South, drive 1 mile, turn right onto Route 60 West past Buckingham Courthouse, turn left onto Rt. 24, drive 10 miles, turn left onto Rt. 626, drive 5 miles to Rt. 723. The Center is at the end of Rt. 723.

From Farmville: take Rt. 460 West to Prospect, turn right onto Rt. 626 follow Rt. 626 10 miles, turn right onto Rt. 723. The Center is at the end of Rt. 723.

